



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month

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It is hard to be anywhere in Wisconsin right now and not realize that it is construction season once again. Whether it is major road repair, the sealing of cracks, culvert repair or any of dozens of other reasons, men and women are out in force trying to maintain the roadways we too often take for granted.

Construction zones can be very dangerous areas for motorists and for the men and women working in them. Because of this, many traffic laws have increased fines and points assessed for people who violate traffic laws in construction zones. One example is:

346.04(1),(2) – Failure to obey officer/sign/signal

(1) No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a traffic officer.

(2) No operator of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal unless otherwise directed by a traffic officer.

Violation of this law carries a fine of \$175.30 and 3 points for first violation and \$213.10 and another 3 points for a second violation. However, if the offense is committed in a construction zone, the fines for first and second offenses are \$213.10 and \$288.70 respectively.

Captain Scott Mittelstadt of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office urges all motorists to drive with special care when operating in construction zones. The men and women working in these areas all hope to go home to their families at the end of their day just like the rest of us.